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## Student Rep Dispute Headed for Court

by Cherie Russell

On Saturday October 12th Junior Tom McDonough, through his attorney Paul Cox, filed a temporary injunction against the School Board and other school officials to stay new elections of the Student Representative to the School Board.

According to McDonough, once he was certain new elections would be held he, through Attorney Cox, had served individually to School Board members, school officials,

Principal Mr. Geoffrey Jones and Student Council Advisor Mr. Charles Perry.

Oyster River students last June chose McDonough, a junior, as representative to the School Board, but because of action by the Board McDonough was not allowed to assume the post. The Board's stated position was that the office of Student Representative was an elected position for seniors, according to the guidelines under which representation was established.

According to the Revised

### Proposal for Student Representative to the School Board

The Representative shall be elected in his or her junior year at the regular June elections. . . The Student Council has the prerogative of dismissing the representative and calling a general election if the representative fails to fulfill the above requirements."

The School Board decided after executive session on September 25 to ask for new elections.

A hearing on the injunction was scheduled for October 17, but the School Board exercised its option to wait for 30 days and consider whether to challenge the injunction.

The Board's decision not to seat McDonough became public knowledge last June 12. However, new elections were not announced to the student body until October 8, restricting eligibility to seniors only.

A second motion as to whether to "allow (an) under-classman to take seat as student representative to the Board" was defeated by the Board on October 9th.

The June 12 decision not to seat McDonough left the students temporarily without representation.

According to Student Council President Beth Fuller, last summer the Student Council chose her to temporarily assume the office of Student Representative on the students' behalf.

Candidate Senior Steve West, who campaigned along with Juniors Lynne Shapiro and McDonough, said, "Unfortunately, I don't think we can say this (election) has been a success. The winning candidate seemed to miss expressing his qualities amidst his sarcasm, yet he was elected nonetheless. . . Maybe we need to review the grounds on which we select our candidates."

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## District Gets \$48,200

by Sandy Johnson

At a special Oyster River School District Meeting Wednesday night, the issue of the funds from the Augenblick Bill was passed with only a few descending votes.

The vote was centered on passing the six areas that the funding was dispersed over, and allowing the School Board to spend the money on these areas.

The Augenblick funds are designed to be spent as follows: Gifted and Talented Student Program Coordinator (\$15,000), Industrial Arts Facilities Improvements (\$3,600), Textbooks and Instructional materials (\$10,000), Computer Software for Administrative Support (\$6,500), Science Lab Improvements for the Middle School (\$1,700), and Equipment for the Drama Program (\$5,000).

According to State Representative Wayne Burton, the Augenblick Bill has granted five million dollars of state funds to be distributed

throughout New Hampshire school districts based on the size of the student body, and the wealth of the township.

The bill is named after John Augenblick of Colorado who did a review on state aid to education, continued Rep. Burton. The review, coupled

### Sophomore Testing Controversial

Sandy Johnson

The week of October 14, fourth, eighth, and tenth graders in the Oyster River School District were administered the California Achievement Test.

Oyster River High Principal Geoffrey Jones said this test is part of Governor Sununu's plan of accountability.

According to Mr. Jones, the idea of accountability testing was arrived at after various reports indicated a nationwide "school crisis" due to a lack of standards and

accountability. The New Hampshire state government tried to combat this "crisis" by not only raising graduation requirements, but by also instituting a testing program, continued Jones.

Mrs. Rose Cronk, who served on the committee to choose and direct the test, said the state wanted the test to achieve certain goals, the major goal being "to perfect academic achievement."

According to Mrs. Cronk, this would be done after the second goal, comparative data on school results, showed where improvement was needed.

Mrs. Cronk explained that the test preferred by the committee was the Iowa Basic

Skills Test. The California Achievement Test was the third choice.

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## French Club

by Debby Matusow

The Oyster River High School French Club held its first meeting Tuesday, October first to elect its officers and discuss this years activities.

Senior Heather Conklin was elected the president of the French Club this year. Conklin will be working with Senior Kjell Youngren as Vice President, and Senior Scott Bogle as Club Secretary.

Last year the club participated in activities such as having French speakers, watching French films and

enjoying socials together.

This years club advisor, Miss Smith said the number of people interested this year will help in planning activities.

Second year member Michelle Jacobson said, "it seems like there are a lot more people interested in the French Club this year."

According to Smith the club will be meeting on a monthly basis. Each meeting will try to be scheduled to coordinate with the showing of a French film as part of MUSO organization at UNH. Smith explained the club will be able to participate as a group, going to the University

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## El Club Espanol Empreza

by Lynne Shapiro

The Spanish Club held elections at their first meeting of the year on October 1 in Room 102.

Senior Sarah Chorlian, was elected President. The club also elected Senior Heather Gapp, Vice-President; Senior Kim Lansford, Secretary; and Senior Dan Wittner, Treasurer.

The Club discussed activities, fundraising ideas, publicity and refreshments.

According to Chorlian one activity already planned is a trip to Tortilla Flat on Wednesday, October 23.

Last year's Spanish Club put on plays for senior citizen groups and pre-schools, cooked Mexican dinners, held discussions with the exchange students and attended "fiestas" with UNH.

According to Chorlian, "Twenty-two people attended Tuesday's meeting, 1/3 were new members."

Junior Debby Matusow, a newcomer, said, "It seems like there are going to be a lot of interesting activities."

President Chorlian commented, "The expectations of the members and officers are high."

Chorlian added, "It's going to be a challenge and I'm really excited about the people I'm working with. I think it's going to be a fun and productive year."

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## George Washington Slept Where?

by Josh Fitzgerald

The play "George Washington Slept Here" will premiere at ORHS, November 20, according to senior Drama Club president Scott Hartzell.

Performances will be from November 20 through November 23, with admission at \$3.50 (\$2.00 for students).

The play is being directed by Mr. Richard Tappan and Mr. Steve Denson.

Hartzell said that after two weeks of rehearsal, the club has finished blocking (staging) the first scene of Act II.

"We've got a long way to go, but we've got another month," Hartzell said of their progress so far.

He also expressed hope that "...unless we receive late bills like we have in the past," profits from the play will cover the deficits that have plagued the club.

The Club has been discussing plays since the beginning of the school year. In addition to "Washington", there will be a one-act play (to be announced), and a major spring musical, "Cake", which was written by Mr. Tappan and Mr. Denson.

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## "Clean Water": Debate Topic

by Dina Vasilou

The Oyster River High School Debate Team announced at their first meeting that "Clean Water" will be the national debate topic for the 1985-86 school year.

According to UNH Professor Wilbur Sims, team advisor, the issue of "Clean Water" like other debate topics was set up by the National Organization of Debate as national high school debate topic. Professor Sims also said that the topic of "Clean Water" will be debated in the Oregon style, which is a mini-tournament with two to four people on a team.

"The debate team was formed by a group of interested students", said

## Cable Magazine

by Cris-Jon Lindsay

The School Community Arts Network (SCAN) will be airing its first show of the season on November 12 at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on cable Channel 12.

According to SCAN Advisor Mr. Paul Gasowski, one of the pieces will be on the Green Dream Farm, which has a sophisticated milking operation.

Other segments will be on the changes in the seasons and the anti-apartheid movement going on at UNH.

According to Mr. Gasowski, the SCAN organization was developed at ORHS two and-a-half years ago "to give interested high school students a chance to produce videos that would be of use to the school and the community."

After the November show, SCAN will be on the second Tuesday of each month on cable Channel 12.

Some future segments will feature Dover Vocational and student attitudes toward longer school days. There will be seven additional programs produced between the November show and June, 1986.

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with the California test since the publishers (McGraw-Hill) submitted the lowest bid.

One of the major problems with this testing, as Mr. Jones sees it, is the idea of using the results to rank schools. "This is not the way tests are designed to be used," stated Mr. Jones.

He added that tests are meant to show the individual where he/she needs improvement.

Scheduling the test was also a problem, according to Mr. Jones, since the test was received Oct. 7, and had to be administered by the 25th.

Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Ellen Perry remarked that there was concern as to the test ultimately being used to evaluate the teachers.

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with 1983's "A Nation At Risk" report showed that more aid was needed, as well as an improved distribution process. The result was the Augenblick Bill.

ORHS Principal Geoffrey Jones said the money granted by this bill is given "to districts to spend as they see fit." He calls this a "new concept", for in the past, state aid has been given only for specific programs.

The Augenblick Bill is not without flaws, added Mr. Jones. It allows districts to use the money as tax relief. Mr. Jones sees this as "almost a designed feature." He explained the districts were given only 14 days, from

September 16 to the 30th, to file for using the money towards educational matters, otherwise the funds default to tax relief.

Mr. Jones also showed concern over the fact that the answer sheets were sent out with the tests. He said that with so much pressure put on them by the state, some schools may find these answer sheets very tempting.

Test results should be available at OR by some time in December.



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"George Washington Slept Here" cast 42 people in two casts of 21. The casting was based on a point-system established by Mr. Tappan, according to Hartzell. The Club rehearses every day except Friday in order to meet the performance deadline.

Rep. Burton stated this will not be a problem next year, as schools will incorporate the extra money into budget planning. This was not possible for the present school year as it was already underway when the bill was passed.

"I agreed with the voting as it went," said ORHS Senior Matt Townsend, "I really wanted to see the money spent on the kids, especially the Gifted and Talented Program."

"It was a good shot in the arm for the Gifted and Talented Program here at ORHS," said Asst. Superintendent Al Elwell.

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## SADD Future Unknown

SADD was started in Wayland, Massachusetts by Robert Anastas in 1981. Anastas was concerned about deaths caused by DWI, and wanted students to have an impact on their peers.

SADD's most important objective is to increase the student awareness of the dangers of DWI, according to Mrs. Kleine.

Mrs. Kleine added that, "A future for our SADD chapter requires a commitment and a belief that SADD members can help prevent injuries and fatalities by affecting their peers."

Last year's co-president, Katie Hosmer said, "We're here, we're just having trouble getting started this year."

Hosmer added that she feels the problem is, "a lack of organization, not interest."

She did however add that she doesn't think SADD is making the impact she and other members had hoped for.

"I feel that attitude," she commented, "will make or break the chapter."

SADD is Students against Driving-Drunk. It was started at OR in 1981, after the alcohol-related death of Damon Spencer.

The future of SADD at Oyster River High School is unknown at this point, according to Nurse Beth Kleine.

According to Mrs. Kleine, this year SADD lacks an advisor; however, approximately 12 students have inquired about SADD this year.

As a result of the work of SADD members, Mrs. Kleine feels that awareness has been raised, and, "has affected students at our school."

ORHS Junior, Molly Hodgson, said, "Right now I'm very busy with field hockey, class activities, homework, and work." However, Hodgson also stated, "SADD should be taken more seriously at OR."

In the past, SADD has had assemblies showing graphically the results of some DWI accidents.

Other activities have included, dances, SADD awareness weeks, hot lines for the prom, a SADD brochure, and attending state and regional meetings.

Anyone interested in joining SADD should contact last year's co-presidents, Katie Hosmer, or Penny Swift.

## Letters

### Message to the Students

My friends and fellow students,

Were the ballot boxes stuffed? Were there irregularities in the count? Were there threats made to the voters? Was the election fraudulent? No! The election of the Student Representative to the School Board was held in good faith. Then why does controversy surround the seating of the students' representative elect?

The School Board officially says that the representative must be a senior, but this rule was changed by the student council to allow juniors to run. What were the motives behind this issue being raised? - Was it really the need for a senior to represent the students rather than a junior? Was it to punish the Student Council for a simple procedural error regardless of student representation?, or was it to object to the students decision?

It is quite evident that many people worked hard to

establish this position. I am working hard to maintain its integrity. Despite not being officially seated I have attended all school board meetings since my election for the following reasons. I made a commitment to the students. I wanted to keep informed in the event I was seated. I wanted to demonstrate to the school board my interest in the position.

The issue we confront is Constitutional. Can the Board take a stand which is contrary to our representative form of government?

Will the students allow the School Board to over step their wishes using a technicality which is far surpassed by the students want and need to be represented justly. I promised to stand strongly behind you the student body and you the individual student - I was requested to do so. I ask even the students who did not support me to come forward and request the reconsideration of the issue. I believe all that the students wish is the correct and just representation. I have gone as far as I can on my own now. It is time for a third party to step in and make a just and legal decision. This is what it means to be an American.

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# New Additions and New Directions

## OR Stuck in Class

by Steve West

Effective the first day of the '85-'86 school year the State Board of Education mandated regulations which resulted in several changes including the length of the school day.

These mandates for secondary education include a required 990 hours of instructional time in a scholastic year (180 days of six, 55 minute periods); a calendar of 190 days (to avoid "snow day" abuse); and a maximum of two short days per year (subsequent days regarded as halves).

Oyster River Principal Geoffery Jones said that, "It is dangerous to equate more time with more quality." He continued by stating that, "The fifty-five minute periods are not educationally sound."

School Board Member Arlene Matusow said that the School Board and teachers are, "very much against the regulations."

In order to meet the 990 hours of instructional time, Wednesdays (which formerly were shortened by about one hour), have been extended to the regular time of dismissal. This time has traditionally been used for faculty department and district meetings.

Senior Dave May commented, "The longer day

doesn't affect us, but long Wednesdays are kind of depressing."

According to Mr. Jones, the full length day has made it difficult to conduct faculty meetings because they carry on so late in the day. He claimed, "The elimination of the Wednesday schedule has incurred the most wrath."

Kenneth Paul from the

State Board of Education offered hope for the return of short Wednesdays. He said that the regulations are being reviewed and may be changed."

A number of other mandates from the state deal with curriculum and go into effect in 1989. New requirements include: one half credit in art, one half credit in computer education, two and a half credits in social studies (including state history and economics), and a total of 19 and three-quarter credits to graduate. There are also restrictions on elective courses as well as requirements for additional courses the school must offer.

In order to accommodate these changes, Mr. Jones feels that school budgets must increase. Mr. Paul contends that these "are not monumental costs."

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## Homecoming: A New OR Event

by Joy Coleman

The Student Council announced on September 26, that plans are being made

for a Homecoming Event which will be held on the weekend of January 17 and 18.

S.C. President, senior Beth Fuller said that her classmates are already excited about the new idea of a Homecoming Weekend.

According to Fuller the activity is planned to start off with a pep-rally on the Friday before it begins. This will kick off the start of a spirit week which will lead into the Homecoming Weekend. Fuller said this is planned so "everyone is getting involved and excited about the weekend."

The actual Homecoming will start off with a Varsity Basketball game on Friday night, Jan. 17.

According to SC Vice President, senior Kevin Pearsall the event will con-

tinue all day Saturday starting with a parade. Pearsall explained that the parade through town will consist of floats made by each participating club, group, or winter sports team. According to Fuller, there will hopefully be cash prizes awarded for the floats.

In the early afternoon, Pearsall said, there will be events such as the class snow sculpture contest and tug of war, similar to last year's "Snowfest".

That evening a traditional Sadie Hawkins dance is planned. It will be a semi-formal, where the girls have their choice of dates, according to Fuller.

Pearsall said that other classes, The Mouth of the River, and the cheerleaders will be asked to help plan and run the weekend.

Fuller agrees with Pearsall that the event's main focus is to build school spirit and class unity.

A seven period day at Oyster River has been tentatively approved in order to make better use of additional time. According to Mrs. Matusow this may cost up to \$100,000 in teacher salaries alone.

In addition to costs in instruction and supplies needed to meet the '89 mandates, Mr. Jones warned of other resulting costs incurred by teacher negotiations and bus-sing (which is dependent on

the middle school schedule as well). "To have to spend money on implementing changes that don't necessarily enhance our programs is difficult," he said.

Although the Board of Education is urging schools to "adopt policies which will assure that time for teaching and learning are protected from encroachment," Mr. Jones feels that these mandates are too specific.

## Library Link-up Complete

by Sandy Johnson

This year the Oyster River High School Library will become a member of a new integrated library system.

ORHS Librarian Barbara Broderick, who is heading the program at ORHS, stated that the Seacoast Area Integrated Library System (SAILS), will allow students to use library resources throughout the state via telecommunication.

The program was established by the State Library in Concord, explained Mrs. Broderick. The State Library established a data bank containing information as to where in the state various library materials could be found.

Mrs. Broderick stated that once the material is located, it is a matter of requesting that the material be sent to ORHS's library. She added that this system will also allow a person to check on the current status of a state legislature bill.

Last December the ORHS Library took the first step in achieving the goal of a statewide hook-up. According to Mrs. Broderick, the system was hooked-up in June, and will be in use throughout the school year.

Mrs. Broderick, who along with Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter and Mrs. Barbara Hill has been working with the computer system, sees the system as a great advantage. She said, "It increases the potential material to millions instead of thousands."

In October and November, both Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Broderick will be attending a one day training seminar in operating the system. Mrs.

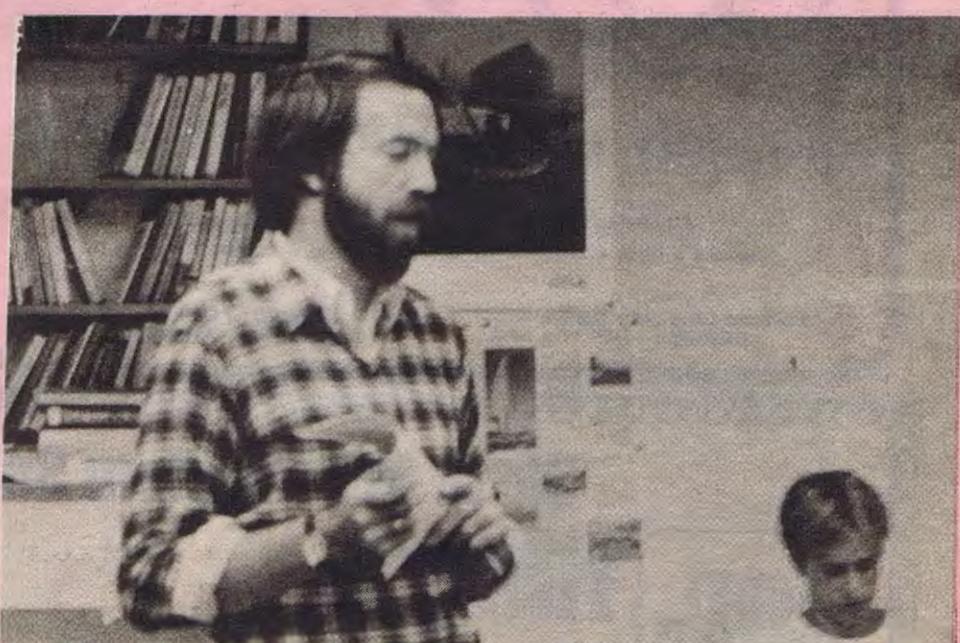
Broderick hopes that some students will be trained in the use of the computer this year.

Mrs. Broderick went on to say that, "They (the student) must request information before they need it, "for gathering the information takes time."

To date, no student has used the system to locate information, commented Mrs. Baxter. She believes this is due to the fact that the system only recently went on line.

Mrs. Broderick added that all of the necessary software was not obtained until a short while ago.

Both ORHS Librarians are optimistic about the system receiving extensive use in the future.



Oyster River Social Studies Teacher Mr. Alex Herlihy is involved with the "Beyond War" movement.

# and New Directions New Additions and New Directions

## New Faces at OR

by Sarah Chorlian  
and  
Kristin Limber

Five new teachers were added to the Oyster River High School teaching staff this year.

In the Latin department, Mrs. Angela Shipman has replaced Mrs. Cheryl Grimes, teaching one class a day. Mrs. Shipman grew up locally in Wolfboro, N.H. She went to UNH and is currently pursuing a Masters in Teaching.

Mrs. Shipman said, "I enjoy the kids and I like being with them and I've always wanted to teach." In her spare time, she enjoys tennis, skiing, stenciling, and is currently taking French classes at UNH.

Ms. Carol Gephart is the new addition to the science department. She replaced Mr. Terry Weddleton as the earth science teacher. Ms. Gephart said, "I heard a lot about the OR school district and was attracted by the area." She grew up in Michigan and attended Michigan State University. Ms. Gephart has a Masters Degree in Geology and her Bachelors Degree in Chemistry. Ms. Gephart has taught at a junior college in Michigan and most recently was a teacher at Timberlane

High School. Outside of school, Ms. Gephart enjoys competitive running. She qualified for the Olympic trials in 1984, but due to a knee injury she was unable to compete. Ms. Gephart is presently training to qualify for the '88 trials.

Coming from the Middle School to become a part of the High School math department is Mrs. Ginny Tagliaferro. She is teaching Algebra I and Geometry. She said, "I'm ready for a change. High school math is more exciting, the kids are more enthusiastic and willing to learn." Mrs. Tagliaferro grew up outside of Boston. She got her BA in math from Salem State, and her MA in math at UNH. She has been teaching on and off for 16 years. Her spare time is occupied by her husband and three children.

Ms. Debbie Adino is now teaching Chemistry and one period of Review Math at ORHS. She is originally from Hanover, N.H. and attended Brown University. She achieved her BA in Chemistry there and has done research at Notre Dame University in Indiana. Ms. Adino thinks, "that students are afraid of Chemistry, and if you get them (exposure) in high school they won't be afraid." In the

future she plans on attending graduate school at Berkley to get her Masters in Pharmacology or Biochemistry and eventually to become a professor. At Brown, she was in the band and on the Polo Team. She also toured Europe with a band. In her spare time, she enjoys aerobics, running, and playing the clarinet.

In the athletic department, Scott Andersen has been added as the new Physical Education teacher. Mr. Andersen is also the boy's varsity soccer coach. He lives

in Portsmouth, where he taught three years of math and two years of PE. He also taught at Brewster academy. Mr. Andersen came to OR because he heard about the soccer team and that there was an opening for a new coach.

Mr. Andersen said, "I like the kids, and teaching a lot, and I try to have fun in my classes."

He also enjoys baseball and would like to coach it. Also, in the future, he'd like to teach and coach soccer at the college level.

## The Outside Classroom

by Jessica Gilsdorf

Oyster River's American Studies class recently completed two field trips during the fall.

On September 20 the class traveled to Durham's Paul Arts Center. The students viewed an exhibit on the Cornish and Dublin Art Colonies of the late 1800's.

On October 24 American Studies took one of its most influential field trips of the year to Newport, Rhode Island, said Teacher Mr. William Childs.

According to Mr. Childs, the class will be visiting the mansion of Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney (The Breakers) and the Chateau Sur Mar.

"The reason we go, is to show people the wealth," ex-

plained American Studies Teacher Alex Herlihy. "People have to understand this wealth before they can begin to understand the poverty and lack of wealth during this period."

On September 23, ORHS's Literature and the Land class took a 3.5 mile hike up Mt. Lafayette.

The class was led by English teacher Emma Rous and intern Mr. Tim Myers.

According to Mrs. Rous they ascended the 3,000 foot Mt. in hopes of "giving the students hands on experience concerning the literary works they have discussed in class."

Junior John Duffy, who participated in the hike felt the trip was very successful, "It gave everyone personal interest in what they were learning in class."



## BEYOND WAR A New Way of Thinking

by Kristin Limber

An introductory meeting of the "Beyond War" movement will be held Wednesday, October 30, from 2:30-3:30 PM in the ORHS Library.

According to ORHS Social Studies Teacher Alex Herlihy, the meeting will introduce the ideas and concepts of the "Beyond War" movement. They will be presented with demonstrations, visual aids, talks, and handouts.

Mr. Herlihy said, "The whole purpose of the 'Beyond War' movement is to change the way people think about war. War is obsolete, it doesn't work. Violence won't reduce conflict."

According to Mr. Herlihy, the major goal of the 'Beyond War' movement is to inform people of the great threat to

our survival. 'Beyond War' emphasizes a "new way of thinking" about war. The group presents the idea that we are one; all people share one life support system and that war is obsolete.

Locally, 'Beyond War' began when Donna and Gené Richeson gave up their way of life in California to devote themselves to promoting the idea.

Mr. Richeson was a very successful businessman in Los Angeles who sold his business to move to Portsmouth to spread his ideas.

"One can be successful in business and take care of one's physical needs. But what's the point if your kids won't grow up, if the world is going to shambles?" said Mr. Richeson.

Mr. Herlihy said he has become involved in the move-

ment, by regularly attending meetings in Portsmouth. Mr. Herlihy added that he hopes to generate schoolwide interest by holding meetings with small groups of people.

Mr. Herlihy said, "It's hard to get people away from the notion that war is the only way to resolve conflict. The 'Beyond War' movement tries to educate people about nuclear war and the threat to our survival. People don't get discouraged; if they are convinced of the idea, they will commit time to help spread the idea."

Locally, there was a presentation at the Mill Pond center in Durham Friday, September 13.

Parent Marissa Chorlian attended the meeting and said that, "It was a very powerful idea; they make an excellent

presentation and it is very persuasive."

Senior John Webb also attended the meeting. According to Webb, he was exposed to the idea at home by his mother who has been involved with the movement for about a year.

Webb said, "It is definitely a subject that should be noticed. I was the only one under 30 at the meeting. I want to get people interested and to care about the idea."

According to Webb, "This idea foretells the future of humanity, that's why I joined it. The whole population should care about it and they should have knowledge of what it's about."

For further information about the meeting contact Mr. Herlihy or Senior John Webb.

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McDonough said, "The point of my speech was to show my enthusiasm for the position and make myself standout as a candidate."

Shapiro commented, "It's too bad it had to come to this, a simple school election became a puppet show and a puppet show became a law suit. I think its gotten way out of hand."

McDonough went on to say, "When people mention the campaign they only mention the speech, communication on a one to one basis and campaigning during the vote was the majority of the campaign."

"It's not my place to say whether or not McDonough should be able to keep the seat of Representative, but after the court makes its decision I hope there will be another election, juniors and seniors, that is fair and has no unnecessary tactics.", said Shapiro.

"I felt personally insulted and as representative appalled at the treatment of the students wishes." said McDonough.

West said, "I am not saying that Mr. McDonough is not capable of doing an effective job as School Board Representative. I simply feel he was elected for the wrong reasons . . . on the basis of entertainment."

West was referring to one of the moments in the cam-

paign, which occurred during the final speeches. DIBP

McDonough used tactics in his campaign employing two puppets bearing the names of his opponents. During his speech he tossed the "puppets" into the audience where students reacted.

Shapiro summarized her feelings on the matter by saying, "Either way I'm going to lose out, because if a junior is allowed Tom will take that spot, or if only sen-

iors are permitted then I can't run."

McDonough also said, "Whether it's a senior or a junior is immaterial. The issue also goes into who should be conducting the elections." (School Board or Student Council)

McDonough said, "My civil rights, as the winner of a democratic electoral process, have been denied."

The student body had various opinions on the matter, many unaware of the injunction.

Junior Sue Schuster said, "It looks to me like we have to find out if we, as students, have the rights of the democratic process to choose our own representative... Does the Board have the authority to change the student requirements for a representative?"

Junior Karina Hansen commented, "I didn't approve

of the way he went about being elected. He critized everyone and put down everyone! I was disgusted, to say the least."

Junior Chris Shuyler said, "The dolls were kind of funny at the time but now it's gotten out of hand. He could have won without them (the puppets) and it was all in good fun... I think he (Tom) got gypped, shafted after the was voted in."

Junior Greg Williams said, "I think the Student Representative is the students' choice and not the parents. . . Despite my personal feelings about his tactics I feel he deserved his position."

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together.

At the October first meeting the club discussed future activities such as putting on some small plays that may be performed at the state language festival, and also the possibility of performing for the Oyster River Middle School.

When asked how she feels about the French Club Jacobson replied, "It helps people get exposed to French culture in a fun way."

Smith feels, "The success of the club depends to a great extent on the time and energy the members can devote to club activities."



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# JV Hockey Certain For '85-'86

by Mark Blakemore

At the School Board meeting on Thursday, October 10, Superintendent John Powers confirmed that there will be a junior varsity ice hockey team at Oyster River High School for the 1985-86 season.

The team's existence had been a question among high school students and Athletic Director David Nichols.

In an interview on October 7, Mr. Nichols said, "We may not have enough numbers (of players)."

Mr. Nichols said another problem faced by the team was lack of money from the School Board for practice and game time.

In the past the JV team has practiced once or twice a week from 5:30-7:00 AM at Snively Arena in Durham.

According to Mr. Nichols, the team plays its games before varsity games. He added that, "When varsity doesn't have a game, JV doesn't."

A large number of freshman who play hockey will either be playing in the Seacoast League or in the Oyster River Youth

## Field Hockey Wrap-Up

by Bess Franzosa

The Oyster River Varsity Field Hockey Team concluded its 1985 season when they played Newmarket on Thursday, October 24th.

The team went into the Newmarket game with a record of 2-8-3 after losing to Dover 3-1 on Tuesday, October 22nd. Oyster River's only goal was scored by Junior Sarah Goding.

Senior Sandra Hebert felt that the play was even, although the team wound up on the losing end. "The forward line did a good job of keeping

the ball up there," said Hebert.

"I was a little disappointed with our season," said Senior Bess Adamovich. "We started out with higher hopes. Scoring was definitely one of our weak points."

During the '85 season the Bobcats scored a total of eight goals.

"Our defense has always been strong," commented Hebert. "Most of our games have been close, but we needed to score in order to win."

According to Coach Sandra Lawson, although the

Association's (OR YA) Bantam program, said Mr. Nichols.

Freshman Jeff Berndtson said "I'll play if they have it (a JV team), but if there aren't enough people I'll play Bantams."

Freshman Thede Loder said he would try out for a JV team but had, like Berndtson, already signed up for the Bantam program in the event the JV team didn't work out.

Mr. Nichols said both he and Superintendent Powers support the JV team.

Mr. Nichols added, "Overall I support a JV team for all varsity teams."

Tryouts for both varsity and JV teams start November 4.

team's record didn't show it, "Everyone has a big sense of accomplishment."

"Our competitors were all traditionally very strong," said Coach Lawson. "We usually did much better the second time we played each team."

Looking ahead to next year, Coach Lawson feels there is a "good basis" for a strong team and season.



## Art Exhibit

by Joy Coleman

Oyster River Teachers William Childs and Anna Nash have both held local art exhibits during September and October.

Art Teacher Mr. Childs opened an exhibit on September 21 at the Parsonage Gallery in Durham.

His exhibit consists of 30 monoprints, which he describes as "a combination of printmaking, drawing, and painting."

According to Mr. Childs, he began work on his collection about a year ago at the suggestion of a friend. Because he enjoyed making the monoprints, he bought his own press.

Home Economics Teacher Mrs. Anna Nash is displaying watercolors in the O.R. Library through the month of October. The exhibit is a result of an introductory watercolor class Mrs. Nash took at UNH. The watercolors range from simple monochromatic to full palette paintings.

Mrs. Nash said that one of the reasons she came to OR was to pursue her interest in art through UNH. She said she will most likely to go on and get her Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree.

Mr. Childs' exhibition ran through October 14 and Mrs. Nash's will continue through the end of October.

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Senior Jeff Kertzer breaks by two Manchester West opponents in their losing effort on Wednesday.

## Defending the Crown

### Girls

by Mark Blakemore

The girls Varsity Soccer Team defeated Londonderry 5-1, on Friday, October 16 to gain home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The sixth ranked Bobcats hosted eleventh ranked Calvary Christian yesterday.

High scorer in the Londonderry game was Senior Hilary Dyson with a pair followed by Seniors Jo Michel and Kylie Mills and

### Boys

by Steve West

The Oyster River Boys Varsity Soccer team was denied the chance to repeat their state championship Wednesday afternoon with a 1-0 loss to Manchester West.

"I know we out-played them," OR Coach Scott Anderson said, but "the breaks just didn't go our way."

OR carried the upper hand throughout the game, outshooting its opponent 11-3. After a scoreless first half, West forward Mark Caputo got his head on a Chris Cloutier corner kick at 6:08

## Volleyball Bows to Ashland/Ends Season at 15-2

by Jeff Kertzer

The Oyster River High School Volleyball Team was upset in the NHIAA quarter-finals by Ashland in two sets, 15-5 and 15-7 on October 18.

The Bobcats went into the quarter-finals ranked third in the state with an overall season record of 15-1.

The Bobcats were down early in the first game 4-0 but Senior Jessica Gilsdorf hit five straight serves to take the lead by a score of 5-4. That was the last time the Bobcats had the lead. Ashland defeated the Bobcats 15-5.

Coach Roy Swanson commented, "It was necessary to have steady play and good hitting to win, but everybody

Sophomore Michelle Twombly each with one.

"We controlled the game, it was a game in which we could use the whole team," said Michelle.

The Bobcats were off to a slow start early in the season but won their last eight games.

Landry is currently working on different player combinations due to numerous injuries.

When asked about repeating last year's championship Coach Kelly Landry said, "It's possible, but there are a lot of good teams out there."

of the third quarter to take the lead.

Despite some good fourth quarter bids, the West defense held OR scoreless for a shutout victory. OR's best opportunity came shortly after the Blue Knight's goal, when Senior Rolly Twombly just cleared the crossbar with a 20 yard shot.

"I was really proud of the way my team played," said West Coach Dave Gosselin.

Manchester, who came up short in last year's quarter final match with the Bobcats, got their revenge, and this year advances to the quarter-finals on Saturday.

Oyster River had the

was to stiff."

Junior Karen Rogers said, "I was really disappointed, the team was well-prepared but we were just too nervous."

In the second game the Bobcats had a good effort by Junior Tracy Robinson and Rogers. Robinson set up Rogers with two straight spikes but it wasn't enough to stop Ashland.

Gilsdorf added, "The team wasn't mentally in the game tonight."

The last time the Bobcats won the Championship was in 1983 when they beat Mescenic. In 1984 the Bobcats lost in the semi-finals to Sunapee. This year Mescenic, who was the only team who defeated OR during the regular season, won the Championship.

## Cross Country Runs State

by John Webb

Both girls and boys cross country teams are preparing for the Class "I" championships to be held at 12:45 PM tomorrow at Derryfield Park in Manchester. Representing Oyster River are Seniors Josh Fitzgerald, Joyce Andersen, Scott Shirley, Krisanne Bothner and Bill Reeves; Juniors Jeff Erbstein, Chris Allen, and Cori Eckert; Sophomores Grace Murphy and Steve Riddell; and Freshmen Michael Holmes, Allison Moore, and Amy Freiermuth.

Fitzgerald, describing the course at Derryfield Park, commented that it "is extremely difficult," and that "it's a strategic course that has to be run smart."

According to Fitzgerald and Coach Robert Byrnes, some training techniques have been to run a lot on hills, and to run a mile in under five minutes three consecutive times, with a five minute rest in between each mile.

Both cross country teams finished their regular seasons with undefeated records, including wins last week. The boys overpowered a strong Traip Academy on October 15th, while the girls beat out Newmarket and Pittsfield last Saturday at St. Thomas.

championship in its sights after a convincing 12-2 season. The Bobcats seemed well prepared with 59 goals and nine shutouts on the year. Senior Rolly Twombly led the scoring show with 40% of all the team's total, while Junior Goalie Eric Barstow boasted a .57 goals against average. The season's only two setbacks came at the hands of Winnacunnet and Portsmouth, also 1-0 losses.

Coach Anderson concluded, "I'd like to thank every member of the team and every member of the Oyster River School System for all the support they've given us this year."

Swanson stated, "It was a good accomplishment for the team to go this far. I was ecstatic with our final record."

During the season Rogers and Sophomore Ali Poulin were the top scorers for the Bobcats. Rogers had 136 points and Poulin had 115. Poulin also led the team in blocks with 26. Gilsdorf led the team in aces with 39 and Rogers and Robinson each had 38 aces.

Finally, Sophomore Debbie Matusow, Juniors Heidi Carlson and Robinson, and Senior Heather Gapp had 90% or better on their serving all year.

Swanson remarked, "I'm very excited for next year, we will have seven players returning."

For the boys, Holmes and Fitzgerald led most of the way and finished 1st and 2nd with times of 17:44 and 17:52 respectively. Traip runner Rob McEacheron started out at a fast pace but soon fell behind Holmes and Fitzgerald, and placed 3rd with a time of 18:24.

Oyster River went on to take eight of the top twelve places, with Reeves in 4th (18:26), Erbstein in 5th (18:26), Shirley in 7th at 18:31, and Haggerty was 9th at a time of 18:54.

The girls, who ran without Andersen and Bothner, had a strong performance from Moore, who easily captured first place by beating out rival Angie Brown of Newmarket with a time of 20:22. Co-captain Murphy finished 3rd with a time of 21:39, while teammate Garrigan was 4th at 21:53. Overall, Oyster River grabbed six of the top ten spots with Freiermuth in 6th (22:34), Allen in 8th (23:13), and Eckert in 10th, clocking 23:42.

After tomorrow's championships, both teams are hopeful in sending runners to the State Championships, which will be held in Manchester on November 2nd.

## JV Round-Up

by Kathy Savage

Oyster River's JV and Freshman Soccer teams have completed their 1985 seasons on winning notes.

Throughout the season, the JV team has worked primarily on passing and supporting each other, according to Sophomore goalie Chris Jon Lindsay.

Freshman Pat Casey said this year's coach, Don Maynard, has emphasized, "Unity in the team." "He's improved our passing and shot selection," Casey added.

Along with coaching the JV team, Coach Maynard also helped the freshman squad along their way.

"The coach developed the team spirit and desire to win," said Freshman Jeff Moore.

Freshman Shannon Walsh added that Coach Maynard emphasized passing and ball control.

The JV team has nearly completed their season with a record tallied at 8-0 compared to last year's JV record of 13-1. The Freshman team's record stands at 4-2-3 upon conclusion of their season.

Coach Maynard said, "The freshman team showed a lot in their general skills and passing." He added, "The JV team has an awful lot of potential."